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# IMPROVEMENT IDEAS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOUR BLOCK

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A BETTER ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND ON YOUR BLOCK is a goal of the Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP) about to begin in your part of the Inner Richmond. Public improvements and related private improvements are important to RAP's main purpose of IMPROVING HOUSING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE. A plan for these improvements needs to be developed, with help from the community.

THE IMPROVEMENTS can include any items that are needed to make the area better, such as street trees, devices to control and slow traffic, landscaped sidewalk plazas, symbolic entrances for the neighborhood, sidewalk garden areas, undergrounding of wires, diagonal or perpendicular parking, bike lanes, neighborhood centers, and anything else that is needed. Health, recreation, childcare, education, culture and safety facilities and services should be considered as well.

RESIDENTS HELP DECIDE WHAT TO DO. Your citizens advisory committee meets every month and is helping to plan the improvements. Your participation is now needed. Some of the ideas as to what might be done are explained in this notice. Please tell us what you think of them.

PLEASE DISCUSS THIS with your neighbors and friends who have also received this notice, and if you have any questions call Alec Bash at the Department of City Planning (558-5423).

三藩市市府將於短期間在內列治文街坊開始推行一項協助樓宇修補計劃。目標之一，是改良貴住戶街坊之環境，其中工作項目，可包括種植街旁樹木，調整交通，美化行人道及街坊進口處，埋藏電線，重編泊車位，單車路徑，設立街坊中心，與其他有關之工作。至於健康，康樂，托兒，教育，文化及安全措施與服務，都可以接受考慮。市府須要街坊各住戶供給意見及參加籌劃工作。這份小冊子附有問卷一則，謹請閣下填上，寄回城市計劃署。如有諮詢或須要翻譯問卷，請電該署蘇石新美女士(558-4541)。謹請合作。



STREET TREES AND SIDEWALK GARDENS contribute color and life to a block, and help clean the air as they add beauty to the street and sidewalk. The City can provide street trees to owners agreeing to maintain them, and remove sidewalk concrete in front of your house or next to the curb so that you can landscape these areas as you wish.



FULTON STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES could be sidewalk widenings or a center island on the Avenues at the corners at Fulton, with trees or landscaping. These would serve to narrow the Avenue and symbolically tell passersby that there is a neighborhood beyond.

GEARY BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES could be similar landscaped sidewalk widenings, except that these might occur about 100 feet from the Geary corners, where the stores on Geary end and the residential neighborhood begins. This idea might be combined with diagonal parking along the sides of store buildings to reduce parking problems.

DIAGONAL OR PERPENDICULAR PARKING could also be put in along other streets, particularly on wide streets such as Anza and Cabrillo, or any streets where there is a major parking problem. This could provide more parking spaces, or might permit landscaped sidewalk plazas without reducing the number of parking spaces. Sidewalks would have to be narrowed six feet on the Avenues to accommodate diagonal parking.

TRAFFIC ISLANDS AND WIDENED SIDEWALK BULBS will soon be installed in the east-west streets. This project is based on a plan the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) developed with the City to reduce traffic on residential streets. It may be desirable to provide more funds for this in order to get the best possible design and landscaping for these improvements.

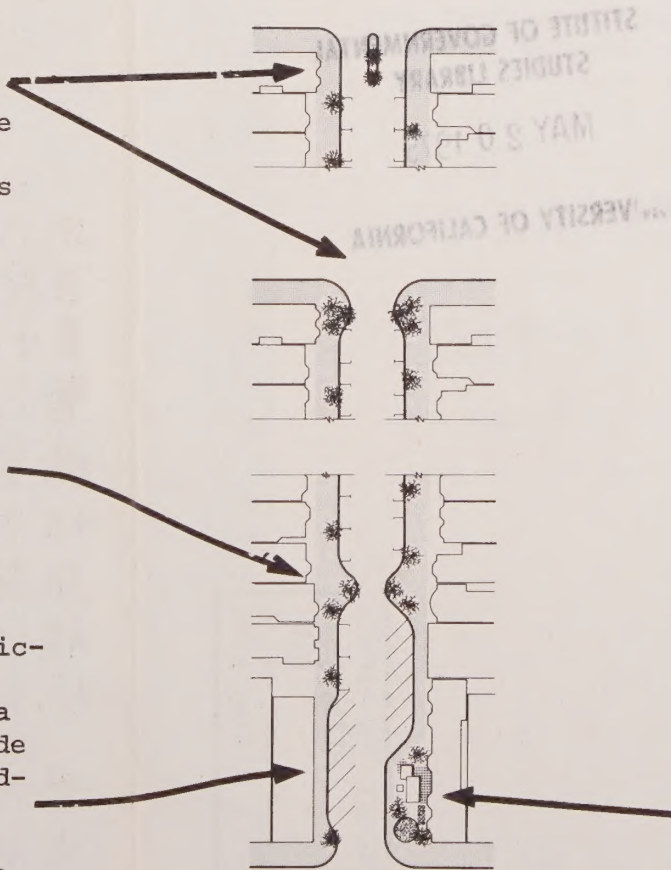
ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, such as stop signs, yield signs, traffic signals or "rumble" strips to slow traffic, may have a place on certain streets.

BIKE LANES are becoming more important, as each year bicycles continue to outsell automobiles. In order to ride comfortably on city streets, the bicyclist should be separated from the drivers. Cabrillo Street has already been recommended as a bike lane street, and possibly Anza Street or some of the Avenues should have bike lanes as well.

BALBOA STREET BUS STOP PLAZAS could help beautify Balboa Street. The sidewalk would be widened at the bus stop to make a more comfortable, landscaped waiting area and provide a place for benches and shelter. When the sidewalk is extended out to the moving traffic lane, the bus does not pull over into the parking lane to load and unload.



UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY WIRES can open up scenic vistas, reduce the clutter in the sky and generally improve the residential appearance of the area. Only a few miles of wires can be put underground in any one year for the entire city. Property owners are responsible for connections to their buildings, which generally cost between \$200 and \$400 per dwelling unit. In view of these facts, your preference in the questionnaire will be important.



CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS could be developed on new sidewalk plazas or unused parts of other public properties. Possible locations include the front of McCoppin School and the vicinity of Anza and 10th Avenue.

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A COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTER may be a way to provide young people and senior citizens with a place to be with their firends, and might offer services to help newcomers feel at home in the neighborhood. It could provide for people of different cultures, and different needs.

DOG LITTER is a problem for which no easy answers have been developed. Do you have any suggestions?

OTHER FACILITIES AND SERVICES may be needed in connection with rehabilitation of the area. These could include health, recreation, childcare, education, culture and safety. Where do you think the needs are, and what do you think could be done about them?

### Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

The City needs to know what you think of the improvements, and what you think should be done where. Please send us your ideas on this form. And be sure to include your return address (or identify your block if you wish to be anonymous) so we can evaluate responses on a block-by-block basis.

STREET TREES AND SIDEWALK GARDENS: If you are interested in street trees, or want to have a space dug up for grass or plants in front of your house, tell us. \_\_\_\_\_

FULTON ST. & GEARY BLVD. NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES: Do you like this idea? \_\_\_\_\_

DIAGONAL PARKING: Do you see a need for this? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS: Do you have any suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

BIKE LANES: Do you favor them? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

BALBOA ST. BUS STOP PLAZAS: Is this a good idea? \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES: Is this desirable for your block? \_\_\_\_\_  
What other streets do you think should have undergrounding? \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS: Do you think these are needed? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTER: What kind of center is needed for your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_  
What activities should it house? \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES: What facilities and programs are needed in your area? \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU

REMEMBER, WE WILL KNOW YOUR WISHES ONLY IF YOU RESPOND!

If you would like to have a second copy of this brochure sent, check here \_\_\_\_.



# RAP UPDATE

## San Francisco's Rehabilitation Assistance Program

### Current Legal Status

The target date for making rehabilitation loans in the Inner Richmond RAP area is July 1975. However, the date may be delayed because certain legal conditions must be met by the City before revenue bonds can be sold to raise the needed rehabilitation loan funds.

One of these conditions has been that the City obtain a favorable ruling from the California courts that it is legal to sell bonds for the purpose of making rehabilitation loans. Such a ruling was obtained February 11, 1975.

Another condition is that a ruling be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service exempting the bonds from taxation. A request for this ruling will be filed shortly. Also, a Securities and Exchange Commission rule change may be necessary to allow the sale of bonds.

### Interest Rate

The Bank of America's offer of \$20 million to the City for RAP is still valid. The prevailing rate of a double AA rated municipal security at the time of bond sale will be the basic interest rate charged by the Bank to the City. This rate is currently about 4½%. The City must add on up to 1% for service fee and bad debt reserve. Thus, under these conditions, the interest rate on the loan to the property owner would be about 5½%.

### Policy Statement #1

Only approximately 10 property owners out of 4,000 in two RAP areas have requested information about RAP Policy Statement #1 which went into effect December 2, 1974. For property owners in the approved RAP areas (presently Upper Ashbury and Inner Richmond), the policy would allow code compliance work to proceed now, with an opportunity to refinance the costs when loan funds become available, provided the property owner at that time qualifies for a loan and meets the requirements of the RAP Ordinance. This policy is designed to protect the rights of tenants for RAP relocation assistance and benefits, and to enable owners to refinance the cost of rehabilitation at the more favorable RAP interest rate when the funds are available. If further information is desired, contact John Molinari, Senior Building Inspector, at the Bureau of Building Inspection concerning this policy (558-2456).

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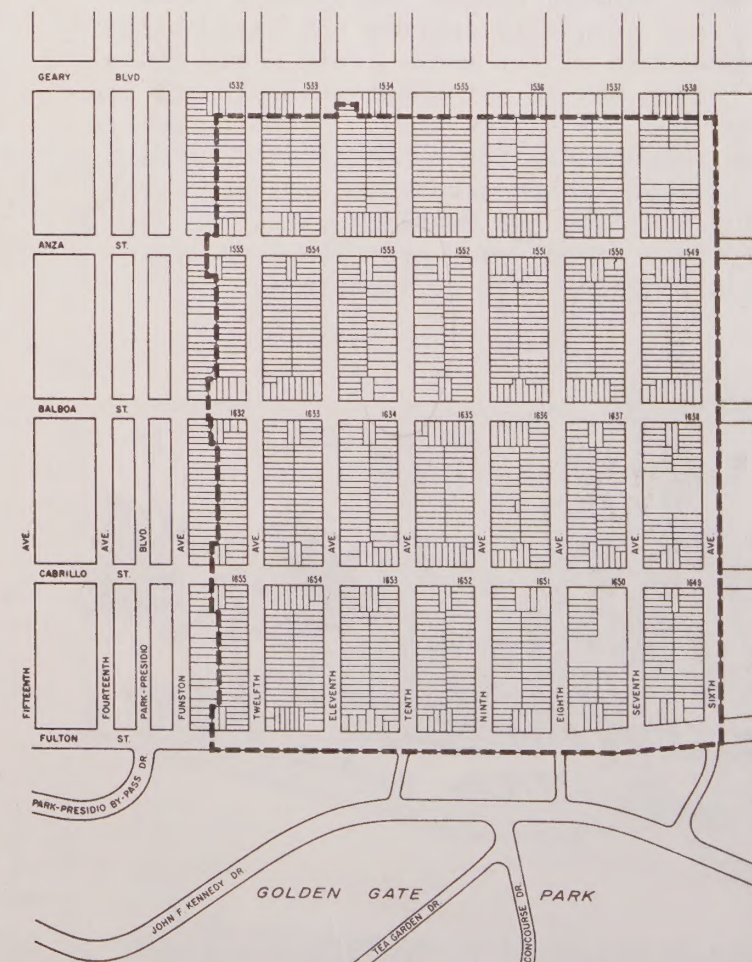
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A SPECIAL MEETING OF YOUR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, April 28, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. at the Frank McCoppin School Auditorium, 646-7th Avenue. If you are interested in planning the improvements and learning the results of this questionnaire, please come to the meeting.

The committee usually meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at McCoppin School. (Note: The April meeting will be held April 28, 1975. No meeting will be held on April 7th).

Members of the Committee are:

1. Roger Bernhardt, Chairperson, Phone 221-0262
2. Daniel Hull, Vice Chairperson
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4. Willie L. Harper
5. Christine Motley
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